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Admiral Stansfield Turner
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Dear Admiral Turner:

As you will recall, in your appearance before the Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research on September 21, 1977, you were asked what efforts were being made to locate the subjects of CIA sponsored human experimentation in order that there might be follow up medical examinations to determine whether any adverse effects may have resulted from the testing. You replied that your agency had turned this matter over to the Attorney General, who had in turn turned it over to the F.B.I. You indicated that you had been advised by the Attorney General that the F.B.I. was working on it but had not yet located any of these persons.

I would appreciate it if you would advise me of the results of that inquiry and the current status of the follow up action.

Sincerely,

Ted Kennedy

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Senator CHAFEE. Mr. Chairman. I do not have any questions. It seems to me that this matter, as you know, is going to come up with the general guidelines that will be set forth by the Intelligence Committee, and it seems to me we have cleared the air to some extent.

And I think, as has been said too often here, it is well to bear in mind that all this took place many years ago, before these gentlemen—and, certainly, Admiral Turner—was involved in any way, or the current regime in the Defense Department.

Senator SCHWEIKER. I have another question.

Admiral Turner, last time we were here, I think the chairman and other members of the committee discussed your plans for notification of the institutions and investigators involved in MKULTRA. Could you bring us up to date on whether that notification has taken place? Have all the institutions been told of their former involvement?

Admiral TURNER. Is General Counsel here?

Senator KENNEDY. Would you identify yourself, please?

Mr. JULIEN. Emile Julien; I am with the agency's Office of General Counsel. We are still in the process of working out notifying individuals, where we can find individuals, with the Department of Justice.

Admiral TURNER. All the institutions have been notified, have they not?

Mr. JULIEN. All the institutions, yes.

Admiral TURNER. All the institutions have, and in each case, we have offered, if they want, to provide them all the back-up material that is unclassified that we can. We just sent them a letter and described the fact that we were involved. Some of them have come back and ask for those details. Some of them have sent representatives here to our offices to review the materials. Others have not responded at all. But, we are available to give them everything that we have given you on an unclassified basis that they want.

Senator SCHWEIKER. What about efforts to locate subjects of previous research projects for medical check-ups or follow-ups, or informing unwitting subjects that something might have happened to them during the testing program? What is the policy of the agency, and where are we in that regard?

Admiral TURNER. We are doing everything we can there. But, of course, I am being very careful to keep the agency out of investigating and searching for American citizens inside the United States. We have turned that over to the Attorney General who has turned it over to the FBI. I asked him just yesterday how they were going, and he said they are working on it, but they have not yet actually located anybody. But, we are giving them all of the information we have.

There are only a few cases where we think it is likely they would even be able to find people, and that is like in an institution. A penal institution might have kept some records. They have some problems checking with legalities here, and they have not actually, to my knowledge, found any people yet, but they are checking.

Senator SCHWEIKER. This is all going to be handled by the Justice Department, you say?

Admiral TURNER. Yes, is there a legal check here? I thought it was a matter of informing people and doing medical follow-up, or am I missing the point?